

*SC NAACP v. Alexander,*  
D.S.C. Case No. 3:21-cv-03302-MGL-TJH-RMG

# EXHIBIT 6

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION

THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE  
CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP, ET AL,

Plaintiffs,

vs. Case No. 3:21-CV-03302-MBS-TJH-RMG

HENRY D. MCMASTER, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA;  
THOMAS C. ALEXANDER, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;  
LUKE A. RANKIN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY  
COMMITTEE; JAMES H. LUCAS, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES; CHRIS MURPHY, IN HIS  
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES JUDICIARY COMMITTEE;  
WALLACE H. JORDAN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY  
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ELECTIONS LAW SUBCOMMITTEE; HOWARD KNAPP,  
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS INTERIM  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; JOHN WELLS, CHAIR,  
JOANNE DAY, CLIFFORD J. EDLER, LINDA MCCALL,  
AND SCOTT MOSELEY, IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES  
AS MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION  
COMMISSION,

Defendants.

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DEPOSITION OF: REPRESENTATIVE WM. WESTON J. NEWTON  
(Via Videoconference)

DATE: Wednesday, June 22, 2022

TIME: 10:13 a.m.

1 Q. Would you have voted for such a plan if  
2 you believed that it did?

3 A. I would not.

4 Q. Do you believe that -- you heard  
5 Mr. Trivedi ask you some questions about the opinion  
6 of Lynn Teague. Is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 MR. TRIVEDI: Objection, form.

9 BY MR. MOORE:

10 Q. And Ms. Teague has been fairly vocal  
11 about lots of things in the redistricting process.  
12 Isn't that correct, Representative Newton?

13 MR. TRIVEDI: Object to the form.

14 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

15 BY MR. MOORE:

16 Q. In your opinion and based on your  
17 experience does she like to talk to the media and  
18 inform the media of her opinions?

19 A. I think she frequently communicates with  
20 the media in her role as the head of the League of  
21 Women Voters, yes, sir.

22 Q. When Lynn Teague told you and other  
23 members of the Ad Hoc Committee that it was her  
24 opinion that there were racial gerrymandering  
25 concerns with staff plan number two, did you accept

1       that and did you see any evidence to support her  
2       opinion?

3                   MR. TRIVEDI:  Objection to form.

4                   THE WITNESS:  I did not.

5                   MR. MOORE:  That's all of my questions.

6       Thank you.

7                   Do we have anyone from the Senate that's  
8       still on who has any questions?

9                   MS. STRINGFELLOW:  I don't have any  
10      questions.

11                  MR. MOORE:  Thank you.  Ms. Trinkley?

12                  MS. TRINKLEY:  This is Jane Trinkley.  I  
13      have no questions on behalf of the election  
14      defendants.

15                  MR. MOORE:  Thank you, Ms. Trinkley.

16                  MR. TRIVEDI:  Thank you all.  I  
17      appreciate it.

18      (The deposition was concluded at 3:38 p.m.)

19      (The deponent does not waive reading and signing of  
20      this deposition)

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3 July 6, 2022

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7 noted above to be appended hereto, and that the same is  
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